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Dear Stakeholders of the NB Health Research Enterprise,

2016 SUMMER STUDENTSHIP AWARDS. It is that time of the year - the competition and review are complete. Twenty-four (24) applications were received. Fifteen are being funded (63% success rate). Seven (7) are from UNB, three (3) from Mount Allison University, three (3) from HHN/DMNB and two (2) from U de Moncton. Twelve (12) are science undergrads, three (3) are medical students. Eight (8) are female and seven (7) are male recipients. Eight (8) are in pillar 1, one (1) in pillar 2, and six (6) are in pillars 3 and 4. Congratulations to the applicants and their supervisors. All offer letters are in the mail!

2016 February Health-Researcher-of-the-Month. This is #3 of 16. Welcome to Dr. Martin Senechal of UNB – Kinesiology who arrived in the Spring of 2015.

FOUR (4) ARTICLES IN PHARMAVOICE. Very much worth reading: (1) [Alzheimer's Research Update](#); (2) [Mental Illness/ An Underserved Area](#), (3) [Patients and Patient Organizations Power Rare Disease Therapies](#), and (4) [Quiet Achiever/ Japan Puts Focus on Innovation](#).

GLOBE&MAIL ARTICLE FROM NRC PRESIDENT. Calling on “war”–style effort to spur innovation. I believe in good intentions about innovation. The best way forward is to fund meritorious projects rapidly, for innovation moves fast, wherever they are from, regardless of how big they are (referring to small provinces that can deliver like big provinces or little science vs. big science, the debate of size versus performance in research), and remembering that big things have small beginnings. If it takes bureaucracy 8 months (or more) to make decisions while other countries and jurisdictions can make it happen faster (access to \$ capital for the R&D) and even flow to commercialization (review process for approval), we are not doing the right thing, at the right time, for the right outcome. There is way-to-much red-tape, delays, duplication in our systems to be effective and that’s making us uncompetitive. We have to be lean and effective. Study says middle sized labs do best.

Wishing you all a great week.

Dr. Bruno Battistini
President, CEO & Scientific Director
New Brunswick Health Research Foundation

Announcements:



Institute of Biomedical Engineering (UNB)

This past week the Institute of Biomedical Engineering (IBME) was in the news discussing prosthetic research. NBHRF has supported the IBME research and continues to do so. To listen to the IBME’s interviews with Ali Hussaini, a Research Assistant at IBME, please check out the following links:

From Dr. Kevin Englehart’s (IBME Director) Twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/kengleha>

Interview is also available at:

<http://chsrfm.ca/blog/specialty/lunchbox/the-lunchbox-interview-ali-husseini-researcher-at-ibme>

Funding Opportunities:



TVN announces 2016 Summer Student Awards Program. Intent to Apply due February 25, 2016

TVN is providing up to ten (10) awards of up to \$4,500 each. Student’s supervisor must guarantee the student will receive 100% matching funds for salary and benefits only. Each student award covers 14 weeks of full-time participation from May 09 to August 12, 2016.

For details and Program Details, [click here](#). To register your pre-application Intent to Apply, and to access the application and other forms, visit the [2016 Summer Student Award](#) page. For clarification or more information, contact TVN at training@tvn-nce.ca.

Embedded Clinician Researcher Salary Award **Application Deadline: March 3, 2016**
To apply visit <https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtIs.do?prog=2330&view=currentOpps&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true>

The Embedded Clinician Researcher Salary Award is designed for all early and mid-career regulated health professionals that are clinicians first but need protected time to engage in research that is critical to advancing change. Of the total funding envelope of \$4.5M, \$900,000 is available to fund a minimum of 3 applications from Eastern Canada (includes Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick).

Applicants must secure partner contribution(s), including at least one from a health system partner organization, of \$25,000 (cash) per annum towards salary costs over four years and \$50,000 (cash or in-kind) per annum towards research costs over four years.

The New Brunswick Health Research Foundation (NBHRF) will commit the partner contribution of \$25,000 (cash) per annum towards salary costs over four years to successful New Brunswick awardees to a maximum of two awards.

The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are:

- To provide salary support for up to four years to clinician researchers working in a health system setting enabling them to conduct original research that is relevant and responsive to the health system where they are embedded.
- Contribute to generating a strong cadre of clinician researchers across the country that will play a role in transformative change and act as role models and mentors for a cadre of new health professional scientists.

The CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (IMHA) will provide funding for applications that are determined to be relevant to the following research areas:

IMHA will support embedded clinician researchers who will focus on one of two target areas within the context of oral health care for vulnerable populations.

1. Improving access to oral health care
2. Improvement of oral health care delivery

TVN is holding an open competition for a Research Priority Setting Process service contract to determine patient-centred research priorities relating to health care of frail older Canadians

A Request for Proposals and Proposal Application are available: [Click here](#). Proposal Due: March 7th 2016. Proposals may be submitted via email to apply@tvn-nce.ca before 12 noon ET on Monday.



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The Cancer Research Society is pleased to announce the 2016 competition launch of our Scholarships for the Next Generation of Scientists funding program, an initiative aimed at supporting future generations of Canadian researchers. The Scholarship is broken down into two parts, and extends over a period of three years, with no possibility for renewal. Deadline for Applications is April 29, 2106. Find details at http://www.crs-src.ca/Scholarships_Next_Generation_Scientists?srctid=1&erid=1120755&trid=16a72786-e6f2-4f92-afed-6d30f9236877

Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Cyber-infrastructure Initiative: Challenge 2 – Stage 2 Call for Proposal and Guidelines for the preparation of an integrated proposal

For details visit the CFI [website](#).

Operating Grant: SPOR PIHCI Network: National Coordinating Office. Application deadline April 4, 216. For more info., [click here](#).

Job Opportunities:



Canadian Cancer Clinical Trials Network (3CTN) Project Manager (temporary full time). [Click here](#) to see the job posting for more information and details on how to apply.

CIHR Recruitment of College Chairs for the College of Reviewers

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is launching a call for Expressions of Interest to fill up to fourteen College Chair positions – the most prestigious leadership opportunity within the College of Reviewers.

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/49635.html>

The role of the College Chairs is to ensure that the College of Reviewers membership base succeeds in selecting the most innovative and cutting-edge health research proposals, while being fair, well-managed, and transparent. College Chairs will work in collaboration with the CIHR Chief Scientific Officer to recruit and oversee the peer reviewer membership base and to provide the strategic guidance needed to build the College of Reviewers into an internationally recognized resource. They will also advise on frameworks, policies, and processes to ensure they are optimally designed to achieve the highest peer review quality.

College Chairs will be recognized in Canada and throughout the world as leaders in their field, and collectively possess research and knowledge translation expertise that spans the breadth of the Canadian health research enterprise. As well, they will bring extensive experience in peer review that they have gained in organizations in Canada and abroad, and a demonstrated commitment to advancing peer review excellence.

The deadline to submit an Expression of Interest is **March 7, 2016**. For more information, please contact college@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

Events & Meetings:



Call for Late-Breaking Abstracts

CADTH is now accepting late-breaking abstracts for the 2016 CADTH Symposium. You may submit here: [Call for Late-Breaking Abstracts](#) until Tuesday February 23, 2016.

Late-Breaking Abstract Eligibility

A late-breaking abstract must meet one of the following two criteria:

- It must report on recently generated findings on important clinical, methodological, or policy topics for which no preliminary data were available on Oct. 30, 2015 (when the original Call for Abstracts closed); **or**
- It must address a topic that has increased in profile or significance since Oct. 30, 2015, as a result of political, financial, or policy factors.

Abstracts previously submitted as part of the original Call for Abstracts will not be considered.

Questions may be sent by email to symposium@cadth.ca

CHNET-WORKS! Webinars

March 17, 2016

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Young people, socio-economic processes, and youth mental health promotion

1:00-2:00pm

13h00-14h00

Save the date: iHR Day March 18th, Saint John Regional Hospital

Interprofessional Health Research Day (iHR Day) is open for registration today! Our keynote address “Disease Fighting Power of Plant-Food Flavonoids” by Dr. Vasantha Rupasinghe, Canada Research Chair in Fruit Bioactives and BioProducts, will describe the research supporting the remarkable power of fruit in preventing the development of chronic diseases.

Last year over 40 health research projects in *cardiology, vaccinations, surgery, psychology, chemistry, immunology, oncology, pathology, natural drugs, and more* were presented!

Don't miss this opportunity to hear the latest local research! Registration is free at: www.ihrnb.ca. If you have research to present, please visit www.ihrnb.ca for a submission form. Submission deadline is February 14th, 2016.

From **May 25-26, 2016**, join us at this unique conference in Montreal organized **by** life science professionals **for** life science professionals. We understand the intricacies and challenges of conducting successful studies to bring the next innovative therapy to market, and have secured global experts to speak about their experience and share their insights on new methods, tools, processes and partnerships to make it happen! Topics confirmed to date:

- **Big Data** in Clinical Trials
- **Innovation** at the Intersection of **Digital Health, Wellness & Personalized Medicine**
- **International Standardization** for Clinical Research Excellence

Visit www.canadatalkspharma.com for more information and check often for the latest news and updates

Youth *Impact* Jeunesse presents "Working with Traumatized Children and Youth" featuring Dr. Bruce Perry, MD, PhD in Saint John, NB May 26, 27, 2016

To register, visit www.DrPerryAtlanticConference.com

Defeating the Dark Shadow of Alzheimer's disease and Dementia Through Person Centered Care: A Conference for Health Care Professionals - April 12, 2016; Bicentennial Ballroom, Fredericton Inn Conference Centre

For More Information and to Register Contact the Alzheimer Society of New Brunswick
[506-459-4280](tel:506-459-4280) / [1-800-664-8411](tel:1-800-664-8411) / info@alzheimernb.ca
